

FOR INFORMATION AND ACTION
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SUBJECT: *Tilletia indica* (Mitra) Mundkur (Karnal Bunt) - Removal of Quarantine Areas in Arizona

TO: STATE AND TERRITORY AGRICULTURAL REGULATORY OFFICIALS

Effective immediately, the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) is amending the Karnal bunt quarantine areas in Arizona to remove 32,189 acres in Maricopa County, including 9,281 acres of Gila River Indian Community tribal land, and 1,898 acres located in Pinal County have been removed from the list of regulated areas in Arizona.

Following completion of the 2011 Karnal Bunt National Survey, it was determined that certain areas in Maricopa and Pinal Counties in Arizona meet all requirements of the APHIS Karnal bunt eradication program. Accordingly, restrictions on the interstate movement of Karnal bunt regulated articles from these areas are no longer required.

APHIS will follow this emergency action with the publication of an Interim Rule in the *Federal Register*. For additional information, you may contact Lynn Evans-Goldner, National Program Manager, at (301) 734-7228.

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1 Attachment:

-Federal Order

FEDERAL ORDER

Domestic Quarantine for *Tilletia indica* (Mitra) Mundkur (Karnal Bunt)

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This Federal Order is issued pursuant to the regulatory authority provided by the Plant Protection Act of June 20, 2000, as amended, Section 412(a), 7 U.S.C. 7712(a), which authorizes the Secretary of Agriculture to prohibit or restrict the movement in interstate commerce of any plant, plant part, or article, if the Secretary determines the prohibition or restriction is necessary to prevent the dissemination of a plant pest within the United States and is likewise issued pursuant to the regulations promulgated under the Plant Protection Act found at 7 CFR §301.89.

Removal of Areas from Quarantine

The Administrator has determined, following completion of the 2011 survey of Karnal bunt regulated areas, that certain areas have met one or more of the criteria in §301.89-3(f) to be released from the regulation. In accordance with §301.89-3(f)(2), the areas have been tilled at least once per year for a total of five years. After tilling, the fields were either planted with a crop or left fallow. For the fields that were planted with a host crop, the crop tested negative, through the absence of bunted kernels, for Karnal bunt. We are adjusting the quarantine boundaries based on surveys that indicate the areas no longer meet the requirements for regulated areas. Accordingly, effective immediately, the interstate movement of Karnal bunt regulated articles from these fields is no longer regulated.

In Arizona, two counties will be affected by this change. 32,189 acres in Maricopa County, including 9,281 acres of Gila River Indian Community tribal land, and 1,898 acres in Pinal County will be removed from the list of regulated areas.

This Federal Order updates the regulated areas in Arizona designated in the federal regulations located at 7 CFR §301.89-3(g). If you wish more details on the Federal Karnal bunt regulatory program, you may contact the Karnal Bunt National Program Manager, Lynn Evans-Goldner, at (301) 734-7228.

We continue to appreciate the cooperative relationship with the State Regulatory Officials and the wheat industry in our effort to prevent the spread of Karnal bunt.

Quarantine Boundaries - Arizona

La Paz County. *No changes.*

Maricopa County. *No changes to paragraphs 2-4. Update paragraph 1, as follows:*

Beginning at the southeast corner of sec. 3, T. 1 S., R. 2 E.; then west to the southwest corner of sec. 6, T. 1 S., R. 2 E.; then north to the southeast corner of sec. 25, T. 1 N., R. 1 E.; then west to the southwest corner of sec. 27, T. 1 N., R. 1 E.; then south to the southeast corner of sec. 4, T. 1 S., R. 1 E.; then west to the southwest corner of sec. 5, T. 1 S., R. 1 E.; then north to the northwest corner of sec. 5, T. 1 S., R. 1 E.; then west to the northeast corner of sec. 6, T. 1 S., R. 1 W.; then south to the southeast corner of sec. 7, T. 1 S., R. 1 W.; then west to the northeast corner of sec. 14, T. 1 S., R. 2 W.; then south to the

southeast corner of sec. 14, T. 1 S., R. 2 W.; then west to the northeast corner of sec. 20, T. 1 S., R. 2 W.; then south to the southeast corner of sec. 20, T. 1 S., R. 2 W.; then west to the southwest corner of sec. 23, T. 1 S., R. 3 W.; then north to the northwest corner of sec. 23, T. 1 S., R. 3 W.; then west to the northeast corner of sec. 23, T.1 S., R.4 W.; then south to the southeast corner of sec. 26, T.1 S., R. 4 W.; then west to the southwest corner of sec. 26, T. 1 S., R. 5 W.; then north to the northwest corner of sec. 2, T.1 S., R.5 W.; then east to the southwest corner of sec. 31, T.1 N, R.4 W.; then north to the northwest corner of sec. 31, T.1 N., R.4 W.; then east to the northeast corner of sec. 33, T.1 N., R.4 W.; then south to the southeast corner of sec.33, T.1 N., R.4 W.; then east to the southwest corner of sec. 36, T.1 N., R.4 W.; then north to the northwest corner of sec. 13, T.1 N. R. 4 W.; then east to the northeast corner of sec. 18, T.1 N., R.2 W.; then north to the northwest corner of sec. 5, T. 1 N., R. 2 W.; then east to the northeast corner of sec. 5, T. 1 N., R. 2 W.; then north to the northwest corner of sec. 33, T. 2 N., R. 2 W.; then east to the northeast corner of sec. 33, T. 2 N., R. 2 W.; then north to the northwest corner of sec. 3, T. 3 N., R. 2 W.; then east to the northeast corner of sec. 1, T. 3 N., R. 1 W.; then south to the northwest corner of sec. 19, T. 3 N., R. 1 E.; then east to the northeast corner of sec. 20, T. 3 N., R. 1 E.; then south to the southeast corner of sec. 29, T.3 N., R. 1E.; then east to the northeast corner of sec. 35, T. 3 N., R. 1 E.; then south to the southeast corner of sec. 35, T. 3 N., R. 1 E.; then east to the northeast corner of sec. 1, T. 2 N., R. 1 E.; then south to the northeast corner of sec. 1, T. 1 N., R. 1 E.; then east to the northeast corner of sec. 4, T. 1 N., R. 2 E.; then south to the northwest corner of sec. 15, T. 1 N., R. 2 E.; then east to the northeast corner of sec. 14, T. 1 N., R. 2 E.; then south to the southeast corner of sec. 35, T. 1 N., R. 2 E.; then west to the northeast corner of sec. 3, T. 1 S., R. 2 E.; then south to the point of beginning.

Pinal County. *No change to paragraph 1.* Update paragraph 2, as follows:

(2) Beginning at the southeast corner of sec. 5, T. 6 S., R. 4 E.; then west to the southwest corner of sec. 1, T. 6 S., R. 3 E.; then south to the southeast corner of sec. 14, T. 6 S., R. 3 E.; then west to the southwest corner of sec. 14, T. 6 S., R. 3 E.; then south to the southeast corner of sec. 22, T. 6 S., R. 3 E.; then west to the southwest corner of sec. 19, T. 6 S., R. 3 E.; then north to the southeast corner of sec. 24, T. 6 S., R. 2 E.; then west to the southwest corner of sec. 24, T. 6 S., R. 2 E.; then north to the southeast corner of sec. 11, T. 6 S., R. 2 E.; then west to the southwest corner of sec. 11, T. 6 S., R. 2 E.; then north to the northwest corner of sec. 35, T. 4 S., R. 2 E.; then east to the northeast corner of sec. 35, T. 4 S., R. 2 E.; then north to the northwest corner of sec. 25, T. 4 S., R. 2 E.; then east to the southwest corner of sec. 20, T. 4 S., R. 3 E.; then north to the northwest corner of sec. 20, T. 4 S., R. 3 E.; then east to the northeast corner of sec. 24, T. 4 S., R. 3 E.; then south to the southeast corner of sec. 24, T. 4 S., R. 3 E.; then east to the northeast corner of sec. 28, T. 4 S., R. 4 E.; then south to the northwest corner of sec. 34, T. 4 S., R. 4 E.; then east to the northeast corner of sec. 35, T. 4 S., R. 4 E.; then south to the northwest corner of sec. 1, T. 5 S., R. 4 E.; then east to the northeast corner of sec. 1, T. 5 S., R. 4 E.; then south to the southeast corner of sec. 1, T. 5 S., R. 4 E.; then west to the northeast corner of sec. 12, T. 5 S., R. 4 E.; then south to the southeast corner of sec. 24, T. 5 S., R. 4 E.; then west to the southwest corner of sec. 24, T. 5 S., R. 4 E.; then south to the northeast corner of sec. 35, T. 5 S., R. 4 E.; then west to the northwest corner of sec. 35, T. 5 S., R. 4 E.; then south to the southeast corner of sec. 37, T. 5 S., R. 4 E.; then west to the northwest corner of sec. 50, T. 5 S., R. 4 E.; then south to the southeast corner of sec. 49, T. 6 S., R. 4 E.; then west to the northeast corner of sec. 5, T. 6 S., R. 4 E.; then south to the point of beginning.